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### Mackinac City Bike Tour in Michigan - Danger Not Told to the Bike Riders

In the afternoon of September 17, 2011, both my best friend and me, suffered an accident while riding the 100 mile Bike Tour starting in Mackinac City and ending in that same place. The people in charge of this Bike Tour did not tell us of the commonly known danger the locals knew of part of the ride.

The most beautiful part of the ride takes place on the Scenic road along the Great Lake! There are two tunnels of trees during this part of the ride. Here is the problem that NO ONE told us about and IS common knowledge to: (1) the locals, (2) the ambulance people, and (3) to others who have ridden this bicycling tour..... On the Scenic part of the ride along side of the Lake with the 2 tunnels of trees.....there is a small hill that shows a Caution sign for sand over the pavement....after the small hill is an immediate curve (going north) and after the hill you cannot see the traffic in the curve....the highway is so narrow that any large vehicle has to take all of the lane (sometimes) to make that curve to go up the hill. This leaves oncoming traffic no lane to use and bike riders are forced into about 3-4 inches of gravel/sand immediately with a downward speed of a small hill WITH NO WARNING. Your Front Tire will stop immediately and throw the rider on the pavement with the great chance of a car running you over because they cannot see around the trees on the curve.

I have suffered many wounds and a broken shoulder from this accident AND my best friend has suffered many stitches, plastic surgery to the face, and many wounds. We both had minor brain injury and lots of pain. ALL BECAUSE NO ONE WARNED US....the ambulance people said they take 1 to 2 bike riders to the hospital from this area due to this same problem.

**6000 block of North Lakeshore Drive is the area that is most dangerous.**

**Bike riders going towards Mackinaw City on this Drive need to be very careful on the hill approaching because you can end up wounded or killed.**

If you find yourself taking this bike tour in the future and they did not warn you, you did not discover this till after injury or death....you can email me....I have emailed the

people who put this tour on and told them off concerning not warning riders.

My email is [pjparisis7@aol.com](mailto:pjparisis7@aol.com) place in the Subject line that it is about the Mackinaw City Bike Tour and I will look at the email.

Be careful.....we are not returning this Mackinaw City for bike tours again. Shame of the organizers for NOT warning us at all.

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